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Annual Campaign  
2020-2021

We launch our Hineini Annual Campaign this month, and B'nai Israel needs your support.

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# B'NAI MITZVAH

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## Julian Asher Goldberg

September 5 | 9:00 AM

Julian Goldberg, son of Victoria and Jonathan Goldberg, grandson of Leslye and Ernest Schlesinger, and Shirley (z"l) and Harry Goldberg (z"l), is a seventh-grade student at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. For his *mitzvah* project, Julian is raising money for Rainforest Trust and Ocean Conservancy, organizations working to preserve and protect critical ecosystems. He is also volunteering with the Little Falls Watershed Alliance to clear trash and invasive plants from the watershed.



## Nehemiah Isaiah Driskill

September 5 | 12:30 PM

Nehemiah Driskill, son of Lisbeth and Brian Driskill, grandson of Lucia and Al Coronel, Lisbeth Balladares, and Vance and Winnie Driskill, is a seventh-grade student at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. For his *mitzvah* project, Nehemiah is volunteering for The Nature Conservancy and raising funds for them.



## Noah Friedman

September 6 | 9:00 AM

Noah Friedman, son of Julie Friedman and Jonathan Spector, and Steven Friedman and Jennifer Kraus, grandson of Iris and Howard Weinstein (z"l), and Harriet and Greg Friedman, is an eighth-grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. For his *mitzvah* project, Noah is volunteering at The Village of Rockville Nursing Home and Assisted Living Retirement Community. He spends time weekly with the residents and assists with various programs. He also leads monthly interfaith Shabbat Services for Jewish and non-Jewish residents. Noah wanted to help residents learn about Judaism, and the importance of Shabbat and community.



## Dylan Himelfarb

September 6 | 4:00 PM

Dylan Himelfarb, son of Debi and Evan Himelfarb, grandson of Eileen and Donald Himelfarb, and Mindy and Rabbi Edward Cohen, is an eighth-grade student at Tilden Middle School. For his *mitzvah* project, Dylan joined Bowling Buddies, a program through the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes where he provides assistance and companionship for residents with special needs. They meet monthly for an afternoon of bowling.



## Shoshana Dalia Berger

September 12 | 9:00 AM

Shoshana Berger, daughter of Deborah and Burman Berger, granddaughter of Anita and Dr. Ralph Kornbluth, and Bernard (z"l) and Beatrice Berger, is a seventh-grade student at Tilden Middle School. For her *mitzvah* project, Shoshana created Socializing for Suburban, in coordination with Suburban Hospital Foundation, to help provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to frontline hospital workers. In addition to raising funds, she coordinated with school administrators to form Zoom calls with other students where together they spent five hours making and delivering cards for hospital staff. She raised over \$1,100 and plans to do another one in the fall.



## Rebekah Madeline Buchman

September 12 | 9:00 AM

Rebekah Buchman, daughter of Dara Buchman and Barry Buchman, granddaughter of Barbara (z"l) and Joel Latman (z"l) and Rosalind (z"l) and George Buchman (z"l), is a seventh-grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. For her *mitzvah* project, Rebekah has been volunteering at Comfort Cases, an organization that provides backpacks filled with essential and comfort items such as pajamas, toiletries, books, and blankets for children entering the foster care system. She organized a collection to fill eighteen backpacks.



## Asher Josef

September 12 | 12:30 PM

Asher Josef, son of Meredith and Brian Josef, grandson of Ellen and Martin Grabois, and Rita Josef and Frank Josef, is an eighth-grade student at Landon School. For his *mitzvah* project, Asher is volunteering at A Wider Circle, which provides home goods to families transitioning out of shelters or otherwise living without basic needs.



## Lea Danielle Weinstein

September 13 | 9:00 AM

Lea Weinstein, daughter of Shari and Abe Weinstein, granddaughter of Marcia and Carl Levine, and Sheila and George Weinstein (z"l) is an eighth-grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. For her *mitzvah* project, Lea is helping prepare party supplies and having a juice box drive for Extraordinary Birthdays. Extraordinary Birthdays holds unique and individual birthday parties for children in area homeless.





## RABBI'S MESSAGE

by RABBI MITCHELL BERKOWITZ

From the beginning of this pandemic I have read stories of people jumping into action to offer support to those in need. From making masks and donating them to essential workers, to finding ways to support the elderly and most vulnerable populations, people across the world have mobilized to do good. In some cases, I was not surprised—the do-gooder is someone who always steps forward to help. But a few stories surprised me. As the world darkened, some unexpected people came forward to illuminate it with hope. There is something about this situation that brings out the good in so many people.

In the June 2020 issue of *The Atlantic*, Vivian Gornick wrote about “The Fellowship of Suffering.” In her article she tells the stories of people who unexpectedly step forward to offer help during otherwise challenging times. What was most surprising about these individuals, from her perspective, is that they typically came across as stoic and morose. If you knew them, you would not have expected them to be the ones to step forward and offer their assistance during times of crisis.

Then what explains their behavior? Gornick’s answer: the fellowship of suffering. (The term originates in Christianity, but the concept itself applies outside of that specific religious context.) The fellowship of suffering teaches us that being attuned to the suffering of others, and thus being able to empathize with their pain, enables us to build fellowship, to create a relationship with those who suffer, and thereby become for each other sources of hope and inspiration.

When we who know what it means to suffer see the suffering of another, we are drawn together and compelled to do what we can to help.

As Jewish people, we know all too well what it means to suffer. Our collective memory holds more than its fair share of stories of suffering. We must not fall into the trap of allowing those sufferings to close us off from the sufferings of others. Rather, we must harness our collective memory of suffering to empathize with others, to build relationships with them, and through these relationships we bring hope and inspiration to the world.

In the past few months, we have seen individuals in our own community mobilize to alleviate the suffering of others through collection drives, meal deliveries, innumerable phone calls, and the list goes on. I know that our Jewish community is a special one, imbued with *hesed* (loving-kindness) and *tzedek* (righteousness). I have seen how the fellowship of suffering amplified these values and brought out the best in all of us.

The Torah reminds us countless times, *ki geirim heyitem b'erez Mitzrayim*, “for you were slaves in the land of Egypt.” We are thus warned not to forget our sufferings, and in turn, never to inflict such suffering upon others. Rather, use that collective memory of suffering to be *or lagoyim*, a light and inspiration amongst the nations of the world.

It is no secret that this year’s High Holiday season will be dramatically different from anything we have experienced in recent history. Few of us have lived through such trying and difficult times. To varying degrees, each one of us has suffered over these past six months. The challenge before us is to determine how we will respond to the suffering. Will we allow it to shut us down and close us off? Or can we muster the courage and fortitude to harness that suffering, build fellowship with one another, and use this moment as an opportunity to demonstrate our sacred values and steadfast commitments to making this world a better place for all.

On behalf of Ruby, Rebecca, and myself, I wish you all a year of health and happiness. *Shanah tovah!*

## Welcome to the Newest Members of Our B'nai Israel Family

(July 11-August 7)

### New Members ...

**PAMELA AND IAN ARWAS**  
**WILLIAM BAKSHI**

Brukhim habaim!

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

## 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.

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## NOTES

by CANTOR SARAH BOLTS

As we confront a High Holiday season unlike any we have known before, I find myself almost at a loss for words. The High Holidays are traditionally the time of year when our lives and our fates hang in the balance. But this year, it feels like we are hanging in the balance more than usual. Between a global pandemic, a plague of racism, political upheaval, and a critical election coming up, it's hard to imagine what the next week will look like, let alone the next month or the next year.

This precarious moment feels doubly hard because this year, we can't all come together the way we normally do for the holiday season, to experience the uncertainty as one community. We will be spread out, physically distant in our sanctuary or watching from our own homes, hidden behind masks and screens, isolated in our togetherness.

In the cycle of the Jewish year, the day that best captures that sense of isolation is not Rosh Hashana but Tisha B'Av, the day of mourning for the destruction of the Temple that occurs seven weeks before Rosh Hashana. Tisha B'Av commemorates a similar moment of rupture, a moment when Jewish life as it was known at the time was torn away, a moment when the Jewish people were forcibly distanced both from each other and from God.

The thread that runs from Tisha B'Av right through the High Holiday season is the final verse of the book of *Eicha* (Lamentations): *Return us to you, God, and we will return; renew our days as of old.* We read this verse in *Eicha* on Tisha B'Av—and then we recite

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## LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

by DANIEL FISHER  
VP RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

*Shanah Tovah.* One of the most appealing aspects of a New Year is the notion of a fresh start. I'm especially partial to the ubiquitous "New Year; New You." This year finds me with the honor of serving in a position I never could have imagined as few as five years ago – VP of Religious Affairs. We originally joined B'nai so our children could attend the nursery school. Years passed without me attending a service. One day, however, I had an urge to attend the World Wide Wrap. It would have been easy to ignore this urge and go on with my Sunday as I had with countless previous Sundays (running errands). Instead I chose a "New Me."

Little did I know that when I said "yes" to the World Wide Wrap, it would take my life in a new and fulfilling direction. That day introduced me to new people who have since expanded my perspectives and social circles; that day introduced me to rituals and prayers which stirred my mind to imagine how ancient words and customs had meaning for me today; that day started me on a path that included classes in Mussar – a spiritual philosophy anchored in Judaism leading to awareness and mindfulness; Talmud study – a more scholarly path of study illustrating how closely tied we are to past generations despite changes in circumstances; and lay leadership—a path of action to awaken my interest in improving our community.

As you know, this year's High Holidays won't look like any we have experienced in the past. Most of us will experience them virtually.

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# B'NAI ISRAEL Hineini Campaign 2020-2021

PLEASE JOIN US! [WWW.BNAIISRAELCONG.ORG/HINEINI](http://WWW.BNAIISRAELCONG.ORG/HINEINI)

It is at this time every year—the season that we begin anew and reflect on all that we have accomplished and look to achieve—that we write and ask you to support B'nai Israel's Hineini Annual Campaign.

Our Hineini Annual Campaign provides B'nai Israel with much-needed support, enabling us to sustain our high level of excellence. It's a call, and an opportunity to respond, "Hineini, I am here," and want to help. 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.

Our fundraising goal has increased slightly to make up for lost revenue from High Holiday tickets and increased support for individuals who are facing the economic stresses of the pandemic. Membership dues, education tuition, and all other resources combined do not fully support the budget necessary to provide for our B'nai Israel community's needs.

Thank you for keeping B'nai Israel a thriving home for Jewish life, both today and tomorrow, virtually or in-person. Thank you for supporting us with your membership and your philanthropy. As we have been saying since this crisis began, *this is what being part of a community means*. Thank you for being a part of ours.



Steve Rothenberg  
President



Michael J. Safra  
Senior Rabbi



David Stein  
Vice President of Development

\*Please look out for our annual Hineini mailing at your home this week with a pledge card and B'nai Israel 2020-2021 candlelighting times magnet.

Contact: Avery Sudow, Communications and Development Director, at [avery@bnaiisraelcong.org](mailto:avery@bnaiisraelcong.org)

# HIGH HOLIDAYS 2020/5781

**The High Holiday experience will be different,  
but together we will make it just as meaningful.**

We have reached September and the High Holidays are just around the corner. Our community will welcome 5781 together, even if not in the same room. Some will join in-person and some virtually, but we will all be connected in new ways.

Please note that the deadline to submit a request for in-person tickets has passed. Should you have questions about seat assignments, please email [hhds@bnaiisraelcong.org](mailto:hhds@bnaiisraelcong.org).

For virtual attendees, all of the access information for our enhanced virtual viewing will be available on [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/highholidays](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/highholidays). This page also will always have the latest schedule updates and rain plan information for outdoor services.

## Mahzorim

For safety reasons, we will not be providing mahzorim on chairs this year. We ask everyone, whether attending virtually or in-person, to procure your own mahzor. B'nai Israel uses Mahzor Lev Shalem for our High Holiday services. We have information on three options to access the mahzor this year:

1. Purchase at a discount from the Rabbinical Assembly
2. Borrow from B'nai Israel
3. Access Online (For ease of use, we recommend purchasing or borrowing over accessing online. If you do choose to access the online version, we suggest registering for it before the holiday so you have time to adjust to the particular format and/or reach out with technical questions.)

Visit <https://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/mahzorim> for more information. Should you be considering purchasing, we recommend doing so as soon as possible to ensure delivery before Rosh Hashanah.

Please find below our complete schedule of services. **Please remember that all in-person services require a pre-requested ticket, including any outdoor services. There will be no entry without a ticket.** As always, we are committed to bringing you a meaningful experience with service options, preparation workshops, and opportunities to reflect on the year that was.

**[www.bnaiisraelcong.org/highholidays](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/highholidays)**

## Rosh Hashanah Services

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – ROSH HASHANAH EVENING

- 6:15–7:15 PM Evening Service in Dweck Sanctuary/Bimblich Hall/Gudelsky Hall (LIVESTREAM)  
8:00–9:00 PM Evening Service in Parking Lot

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 – ROSH HASHANAH DAY ONE

- 8:45 AM–12:30 PM Traditional Service in Dweck Sanctuary/Bimblich Hall/Gudelsky Hall (LIVESTREAM)  
9:30 AM Torah Service  
10:45 AM Sermon  
9:15 AM–1:00 PM Traditional Service in Goodman Assembly Hall  
2:00–3:30 PM Renew: A Contemplative & Holistic High Holiday Service with Rabbi Aderet Drucker (LIVESTREAM only)  
7:00–7:45 PM Evening Service in Dweck Sanctuary/Bimblich Hall/Gudelsky Hall (LIVESTREAM; in-person tickets available for seniors only)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – ROSH HASHANAH DAY TWO

- 8:45 AM–12:30 PM Traditional Service in Dweck Sanctuary/Bimblich Hall/Gudelsky Hall (LIVESTREAM)  
9:30 AM Torah Service  
10:45 AM Sermon  
9:15AM–1:00 PM Traditional service, Goodman Assembly Hall  
2:00–3:30 PM Renew: A Contemplative & Holistic High Holiday Service with Rabbi Aderet Drucker (LIVESTREAM only)  
6:45–7:00 PM Outdoor Shofar Blowing & Tashlikh Service (Tashlikh is also included as part of the family service.)  
7:00–7:45 PM Evening service

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## Yom Kippur Services

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 – KOL NIDRE

- 6:30–8:30 PM Traditional Service in Dweck Sanctuary/Bimblich Hall/Gudelsky Hall (LIVESTREAM)  
6:45–8:45 PM Traditional Service in Goodman Assembly Hall

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 – YOM KIPPUR

- 8:45–11:45 AM Traditional Service in Dweck Sanctuary/Bimblich Hall/Gudelsky Hall (LIVESTREAM)  
9:45 AM Torah Service  
11:10 AM Sermon/*Yizkor*  
9:15 AM–12:00 PM Traditional Service, Goodman Assembly Hall  
2:00–3:30 PM Renew: A Contemplative & Holistic High Holiday Service with Rabbi Aderet Drucker (LIVESTREAM only)  
1:00–3:00 PM *Mussaf* (including *Yizkor*) in Dweck Sanctuary/Bimblich Hall/Gudelsky Hall (LIVESTREAM)  
1:00 PM Sermon/*Yizkor*  
1:30 PM *Mussaf*  
5:15 PM Traditional Afternoon and Evening Service in Dweck Sanctuary/Bimblich Hall/Gudelsky Hall (LIVESTREAM)  
5:15 PM *Minha* (including Jonah)  
6:25 PM *Neilah*  
7:30 PM Shofar  
5:30–6:00 PM Special Service for Seniors, Sermon and *Yizkor* ONLY in Goodman Assembly Hall

## YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICE OPTIONS

Youth and Family Services are offered virtually and in-person, indoors and outside. Youth services will be designated by age level. The Family Service is for families with children of all ages, especially targeted towards elementary school. The Tot Service is for children 5 and under. Tickets are required and space is limited for all in-person gatherings.

## Rosh Hashanah

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 – ROSH HASHANAH DAY ONE

- 9:30–10:45 AM Virtual Youth Services (grades K–6)  
10:00–11:15 AM Virtual Teen Service (grades 7–12)  
2:00–3:00 PM In-Person Teen Service in Fanaroff Auditorium  
4:30–5:15 PM Virtual Tots Service  
4:30–5:30 PM Outdoor Family Service  
(In the event of rain, the outdoor service will be livestreamed.)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – ROSH HASHANAH DAY TWO

- 9:30–10:45 AM Virtual Youth Services (grades K–6)  
10:00–11:15 AM Virtual Teen Service (grades 7–12)  
4:30–5:15 PM Virtual Tots Service  
4:30–5:45 PM Outdoor Family Service with *Tashlikh*  
(In the event of rain, the outdoor service will be livestreamed.)

## Yom Kippur

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 – KOL NIDRE

- 4:00–4:45 PM Virtual Tots Service  
6:45–8:00 PM Virtual Family Service

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 – YOM KIPPUR

- 9:30–10:45 AM Virtual Youth Services (grades K–6)  
10:00–11:15 AM Virtual Teen Services (grades 7–12)  
3:45–4:45 PM In-Person Teen Service in Fanaroff Auditorium

## SHABBAT & YOM TOV

Candlelighting  
& Havdalah

## SEPTEMBER

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| 4/5   | 7:16 PM/7:59 PM                  |
| 11/12 | 7:04 PM/7:48 PM                  |
| 18    | 6:53 PM                          |
| 19    | light after 7:36 PM              |
| 20    | Rosh Hashanah<br>ends at 7:34 PM |
| 25/26 | 6:42 PM/7:26 PM                  |
| 27/28 | 6:39 PM/7:20 PM                  |

# HIGH HOLIDAYS 2020/5781

## Enhance the High Holidays

### Elul In Your Inbox: A Daily Reflection before the High Holidays

This year we will respond to the call of the shofar with reflections from our community members, staff, and clergy. Each day for the 29 days of Elul we will share with you one such reflection. You may read about a “life quake,” a disruption (positive or negative) in someone’s life and how they grew from the experience. Or you may read about someone’s unfinished business, the goals and dreams left incomplete and unfulfilled as one year closes and another draws near. Similar to the reflections on resiliency and unexpected joy we heard about in our Counting of the Omer project, this opportunity to share our experiences as a community will help us ring in 5781 more connected, united, and inspired.

### How to Contribute

We very much hope that you will offer to share your reflection on one of the these two themes (see the full prompts below). If you would like to contribute, sign up on the spreadsheet and then submit your 150 word reflection here. We ask that you submit your reflection at least five days before it is to be shared. Visit [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/elulreflections](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/elulreflections) to sign up.

### How to Receive the Reflections

Sign up here to receive the “Elul in Your Inbox” reflections. The first few reflections will be sent to the entire community, and the remainder will be sent to those who sign up. Visit [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/elulreflections](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/elulreflections) to sign up.

### The Prompts

1. Life Quakes: We experience transitions and changes—what author Bruce Feiler calls “life quakes”—throughout our lives. Describe a recent “life quake.” Explain how it helped you to grow or provided you with an opportunity for renewal through charity, reflection, prayer, learning, community or social action.

2. Unfinished Business: Each year Elul gives us a chance to weigh the unfinished business that is everyone’s life, right to the end of our days. We all have goals, dreams, and aspirations that have yet to come to fruition. Share a story about some of your life’s unfinished business.

### Shofar Blowing Workshop

with Cantor Josh Perlman  
Wednesday, September 2  
12:00 PM

One of the quintessential experiences of the High Holidays is hearing the sound of the shofar. This year, with so many of us experiencing the High Holidays from our homes, we want to help you make this a memorable and meaningful experience. So, take that shofar off your shelf and perfect your shofar blowing skills! Visit <https://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/shofar-blowing-workshops-with-cantor-josh-perlman.html> to register.



## High Holiday Workshops

### Preparing for the Days of Awe: Israeli-Style

with Netta Asner-Minster  
Tuesday, September 1  
7:30-8:30 PM

Learn about the unique events and programs that take place during the month of Elul in Israel. From selichot tours to Elul programs, this month offers ways to connect for religious and secular communities in Israeli society.



### Past, Present, and Future: Reflecting on the Year that Was and Will Be

with Rabbi Michael Safra  
Tuesday, September 8  
7:30-8:30 PM

The High Holidays are a moment for reflection. We look back in time and we look ahead to the future. The liturgy stays the same, but the way that we relate to it changes as we change. We will look at the verses of the Hebrew Bible which give structure to the Musaf service (Malchuyot, Zichronot, & Shofrot), and understand how we can derive meaning from the liturgy this year.



### It's Complicated: Our Relationship Status with God

with Rabbi Mitchell Berkowitz  
Tuesday, September 15  
7:30-8:30 PM

Maintaining a relationship with the Divine is not always an easy task. We have expectations for what we derive from a relationship, and we know that we must also invest ourselves in order for the relationship to grow and flourish. *Anu Amekha* is a short, yet powerful, piyyut (liturgical poem) from the Yom Kippur liturgy. Join me in exploring how it highlights the possibilities, and the challenges, for maintaining a relationship with God.



Visit

[www.bnaiisraelcong.org/holidayworkshops](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/holidayworkshops)

to register for these events.

The Zoom link will be sent in the confirmation email.

Dial-in only information is also available

if you do not have a computer.

# HIGH HOLIDAYS 2020/5781

## Selihot

### Selihot Night Live: A Conservative Movement National Selihot Program



Saturday, September 12  
8:30 PM

After Shabbat, join us virtually for Havdalah, followed by learning sessions, musical moments, and Selihot services. This coast to coast Conservative Movement experience will enrich our High Holiday preparation. Rabbi Michael Safra will lead a session at 9:00 PM, "God Isn't Perfect, So Why Should I Be?"

### B'nai Israel Selihot Service

Saturday, September 12  
10:00 PM

The haunting melodies of this special service, traditionally recited at midnight, prepare us spiritually for the intensity of the High Holiday season. Join us virtually for Havdalah and the Selihot service led by our clergy.

### Selihot Concert & Learning

with Hadar  
Monday,  
September 14  
7:45-9:00 PM



Join Hadar for a communal virtual Selihot with Joey Weisenberg, co-director of the Rising Song Institute, and Rav Aviva Richman, Rosh Yeshiva at Hadar. Equal parts conversation, prayer, study and song, we will delve into the lyrics of Joey's songs, premiere never-before-seen videos of Joey and the Hadar Ensemble and join together to sing melodies of *tshuvah* and celebration.

## Days of Awe: Reflection & Learning Series

### Let's Talk About Race

Tuesday, September 22  
7:30 PM

Panel Discussion with Jay Gruber and Marla Schulman, moderated by Hal Ossman, Executive Director

Recent events have us all thinking about the challenges of systemic racism. What does racial equity mean? How does one begin to grapple with a system we may not see and did not cause, and yet may be responsible for perpetuating? Is it possible for a big-tent community to talk openly and frankly about values without becoming mired in the polarizing politics of division? Jay Gruber is Chief of Police and Vice-President for Public Safety at Georgetown University, where he is working with officers to better understand race issues, dialogue, and retool community policing principles to ensure safety, security, and comfort for all students. Marla Schulman is Immediate Past President of B'nai Israel and chair of the Faith Community Outreach Committee. She is leading our congregation's effort to learn more about racial equity and find ways to partner with other faith communities and communities of color in our area.



### Israel, Judaism, America: Keeping the Connections Strong

with Rabbi Yerachmiel & Nava Meiersdorf

Wednesday, September 23  
7:00 PM

We don't need the statistics to know we are living in a time of crisis. In Israel, the divide between secular and religious leaves a majority questioning their connection to the Jewish religion. In America, political polarization prompts many to question the "other's" loyalty to Israel. All the while, connections between the American and Israeli communities seem to be weakening, particularly among our youth. How do we respond? It begins with relationships...followed by creativity and vision. Rabbi Yerachmiel Meiersdorf is rabbi of Noam, the Masorti youth movement in Israel. Nava Meiersdorf is studying to become a rabbi at Schechter Rabbinical Seminary in Israel. The Meiersdorfs were raised in Israel's Orthodox world and grew to appreciate the pluralistic aspects of other movements. Together, they led the first Kabbalat Shabbat service at the special section at the Kotel reserved for egalitarian worship. They bring their unique perspectives and appreciation for the totality of the Jewish religious spectrum to their work. Together, they will lead us in an exploration of the future of Jewish, American, and Israeli partnership.



### "Ask the Rabbi" Forum

with Rabbi Michael Safra  
Thursday, September 24  
7:30 PM

This Yom Kippur afternoon tradition will take place this year during the week between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. All questions and inquiries are welcome! Please submit your questions to Susan ([susang@bnaiisraelcong.org](mailto:susang@bnaiisraelcong.org)) by Thursday, September 10.



Visit [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/daysofawe](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/daysofawe) to register for these events.

The Zoom link will be sent in the confirmation email.

Dial-in only information is also available if you do not have a computer.

# HIGH HOLIDAYS 2020/5781

## Cemetery Services

### Oxon Hill Cemetery Memorial Service

Sunday, September 13

10:30 AM

This service will be conducted by Rabbi Matthew Simon and Cantor Josh Perlman.

### Garden of Remembrance Memorial Service

Sunday, September 13

10:00 AM with Community Clergy  
2:00 PM with Rabbi Michael Safra and Cantor Josh C. Perlman

You are invited to attend either of our two services in the Sadugor Gazebo, Founders' Garden. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, attendance will be limited to 75 people in the Gazebo (weather permitting). Once filled, families will be invited to join through our live video stream while at the memorial park or from home. The link to the memorial service will be on our website along with the opportunity to submit names of loved ones to be remembered and announced by our clergy. For additional information, visit [www.gardenofremembrance.org](http://www.gardenofremembrance.org) or call 301-428-3000.

### Judean Memorial Gardens

Sunday, September 13

10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Join Rabbi Mitchell Berkowitz at Judean Memorial Gardens while visiting the graves of your loved ones.

## PROJECT MANNA



### High Holiday Food Drive

Please bring non-persistent food items to support our High Holiday Food Drive. This project, run by the B'nai Israel Youth Department, collects several thousand pounds of canned food items every year, which are then donated to the Manna Food Center to sustain needy people in Montgomery County.

#### Collections will take place in the B'nai Israel parking lot on:

Tuesday, September 22

3:00–5:00 PM

Wednesday, September 23

3:00–5:00 PM

Thursday, September 24

4:00–6:00 PM

## OXON HILL CEMETERY Special Visitation Hours

**Sunday, September 13**  
9:00 AM–2:00 PM

**Tuesday, September 15**  
**Thursday, September 17**  
9:00 AM–3:00 PM

**Sunday, September 20** (Rosh Hashanah Day 2)  
Closed

**Monday, September 21**  
**Wednesday, September 23**  
**Friday, September 25**  
9:00 AM–3:00 PM

## SHMA

THE MINDFULNESS CENTER  
AT B'NAI ISRAEL

### Yoga with Jeremy Jacobsohn

Sunday, September 13  
8:00 AM

Stretch your body and mind as you look towards a new year. This program may take place outdoors, weather permitting. Check our website calendar ([bnaiisraelcong.org/calendar](http://bnaiisraelcong.org/calendar)) for up to date information. Presented by the Mindfulness Task Force of the Adult Education Committee.



### Experience the Joy of Sukkot Participate in the mitzvah of lulav and etrog with your family!

Thanks to the resources of the Dollye and Wolford Berman Educational Initiative Grant, B'nai Israel is pleased to offer an incentive of lulav and etrog sets at the discounted rate of \$50 to families who are participating in this mitzvah for the first time. All others will be asked to pay \$60.

**Orders must be received by Thursday, September 10.** Order forms can be found online at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/sukkot](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/sukkot).

### Men's Club Sukkot Sales Program

Purchase a Sukkah online from [www.sukkot.com](http://www.sukkot.com) and use the code "bnaiisrael2020" at checkout to receive a 10% discount. If you need assistance with your sukkah selection or help to construct a new or an existing Sukkah, the Men's Club members will gladly help for a small donation to the Talmud Torah. Contact Asher Gendelman (240-432-0020, [asher@gendelman.us](mailto:asher@gendelman.us)).

# SARA & SAMUEL J. LESSANS ADULT LEARNING INSTITUTE

## Text Study

### The Book of the Maccabees

with Steve Kerbel

Wednesday, October 7 (continuing six more Wednesday mornings, concluding November 18)

9:30-11:00 AM

\$80 Friends of the Haberman Institute or B'nai Israel Members

\$95 General Public

Travel back to the sources and study selections from the books of *Maccabees I & II* as we explore the story of the war against the Assyrians and the formation of the last independent Jewish government for 2000 years. As obtaining these texts can be difficult, a reader will be provided for all students. Zoom information will be provided once registration is received. Presented by the Haberman Institute for Jewish Studies.



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for Jewish Studies

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

with Rabbi Mitchell Berkowitz

Resumes on Tuesday, October 13 and continues weekly

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.



### Prophet Sharing: A Diverse Group of Rabbis Reflect on the Roles of the Prophets

with Rabbis Nissan Antine, Mitchell Berkowitz, Gary Pokras, Adam Raskin, Michael Safra, & Baht Weiss Thursday, October 15 (continuing for 11 more sessions, skipping November 26, December 24 & 31, concluding on January 21)

9:30-11:00 AM

\$75 for B'nai Israel members or Friends of Haberman Institute  
\$90 for general public

History thinks of the prophets as superheroes—people who can see the future, speak directly with God, and communicate inspiring messages. But how is the prophetic message received in real time? Nobody wants to hear that society will be doomed unless people make changes they are not prepared to make. With all their eccentricities, it is easy to dismiss prophets as crazy. This was as true in ancient times as it was today. Using in-depth text study, our diverse group of rabbis explores the role of the prophet in ancient times in order to understand the implications of the prophetic message for today. Presented by the Haberman Institute for Jewish Studies.



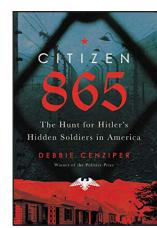
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## L.I.F.E. Lecture

### Citizen 865: The Hunt for Hitler's Hidden Soldiers in America

with Debbie Cenziper Sunday, September 13

7:30 PM



*Citizen 865* is the powerful story of the search for the men of an obscure SS training camp in Trawniki, Poland who helped the SS murder 1.7 million Polish Jews. OSI would identify more than a dozen men who were hiding in plain sight in cities and suburbs across America. (Jakob Reimer, aka Citizen 865, was found in Lake Carmel, NY and tried in federal court in Brooklyn; James Comey was U.S. Attorney for that district and weighed in the decision.)

## Israel

### Israel's Most Daring Operations

with Netta Asner-Minster Thursday, September 10

7:30-8:30 PM



See page 16 for details.

## For All

### Writing RBG: How to Fit a Tiny, Huge Jewish American Icon into a Book

with Debbie Levy Tuesday, October 6

6:30 PM

See page 13 for details.





## EARLY CHILDHOOD

by RACHEL SIEGEL  
Director



*I am so excited September is here! We look forward to welcoming our students and teachers (safely) back into the classrooms this month. As we launch our new school year and I continue to get to know all of our families, I thought it would be helpful if I shared a bit about my personal background and educational philosophies. I look forward to sharing additional updates with you on the kick off of our school year in next month's Scroll.*

For some reason I always knew I wanted to be an early childhood educator.

After I graduated college from George Washington University, I worked as an Intergenerational Program Manager at a Jewish Independent Living Facility up in Boston, Massachusetts. I planned programs with children of all ages from preschool to college age to interact and build relationships with the older adults who lived in the building communities. It's here that my love of relationships blossomed. Every time I walked into a school to coordinate a specific program, I felt something calling to me. At the time, I didn't think much of it, but I did notice the feelings. Fast forward a few years later, I moved back to this area and got hired to teach in a Jewish nursery school and that was the beginning of my journey as an early childhood educator!

What I love about Judaism is the many parallels to teaching and the classroom.

September is a month of beginnings as we

celebrate both the new school year and the Jewish new year. It is an opportunity for us to reflect on the past year and be inspired to refocus on what is important to us and what areas we need to change and grow. We are connected to our community, friends and family and pay attention to our relationships. A new school year and teaching offers these same possibilities. As a teacher, it is our chance to begin to build a strong relationship with the children in our class which will stand as a foundation for our work during the coming year.

Shabbat is a time to pause and reflect; a time to safeguard ourselves from letting life simply pass us by. It is a time to enjoy each moment feeling gratitude for what we have. This is a critical element of the relationship between a teacher and their student. Just stop and listen to a child and you will see that they are capable and competent human beings with unique thoughts and theories on the world around them. The way in which children bring these ideas to life is through exploration and experiences with the many wonderful materials and surroundings brought forth by our teachers. Using materials, rather than only words, children get the opportunity to "show" how or what they are thinking. Then teachers can ask questions, deepening both the relationship, dialogue, and the shared understanding and learning. While we as teachers always have set goals for our students, my experience has taught me that the best and most important knowledge is gleamed when teachers and children partner in the learning process together. In a child-centered classroom, children and their interests are held close in the center of each decision that is made. Teachers explore with children to discover, rather than didactically giving them all the answers. This partnership helps to create ownership for both the teacher and child in the learning process and forges a deeper relationship as they enjoy learning together through the year's journey.

Here I am now, as the Director of Early Childhood Education at B'nai Israel Schilit Nursery School. I feel extremely grateful to have joined your community and I'm looking forward to guiding the school with a pedagogy steeped in listening, reflecting and building strong relationships. *L'Shana Tovah!* I wish you a good and sweet year!



## Schilit Nursery School

Registration is now open for the 2020–2021 school year!

[www.bnaiisraelcong.org/  
nurseryschoolregistration](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/nurseryschoolregistration)

*We have every intention and are diligently making plans to open this fall, with certain restrictions, but with hopes for open classrooms, open hearts, and even open arms.*



### 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:Lynn_Rayman@verizon.net) ([Lynn\\_Rayman@verizon.net](mailto:Lynn_Rayman@verizon.net)) or [Jeff Fredman](mailto:Jeff_Fredman@msn.com) ([Jeff\\_Fredman@msn.com](mailto:Jeff_Fredman@msn.com)).



## YOUTH & EDUCATION

by RABBI PENINA ALEXANDER  
Assistant Principal

I am writing this today from the dining table in the basement that has become my office since March. I hear the banging of kids running overhead and the yells and screams of happiness or frustration or any number of things happening in the house where our family has been sequestered almost exclusively for many months.

Before I started my workday, I drank my tea and ate my breakfast in the backyard for a change of scene and a chance to breathe and clear my mind in relative quiet for the day ahead. This has become an important ritual for me. I am sure you have created new rituals for yourself or your families as well to make a difficult time more manageable. This is something, as we have learned, that is especially important for our children, creating routines and rituals for them to understand and to mark the passage of time. It helps them feel safe and secure, and lets them know what to expect. Personally, we have found that things run smoother in our home on the days we create the picture schedule for the kids than on the days when we skip it.

Unfortunately, we are still living in unpredictable times, and we do not know when things will change, when we can all be back in school together, when we can gather for parties or services, when we can breathe easier around grandparents or other special people in our lives. So how do we keep moving forward? How do we keep caring for our kids in the ways we always have but in a new reality where the light at the end of the tunnel keeps moving farther away?

The Education Team at B'nai Israel spent the summer digging deeply into these questions.

While keeping up our hope and optimism that the light will be here soon, we also recognize that focusing on the moment we are in now provides much spiritual and emotional nourishment. I have been so fortunate to have immersed myself in rich learning on the issues facing us in education today, first in June through my incredible fellowship in MTEI (Mandel Teacher Educator Institute), and then through the multi-faceted month-long NewCAJE conference through all of July. One theme repeated itself again and again through all of it: the key to helping our children in all areas is by focusing on their social-emotional health.

Social emotional learning (SEL) has already been a major emphasis of Talmud Torah, and with the addition of the educational technological tools available to us, we can continue to make sure our students are connected to our community, to their friends and to how they are feeling and coping. Our teachers have been practicing SEL strategies through professional development sessions with us in addition to a workshop with master educator and SEL expert, Nancy Parkes. In the year ahead, we are planning regular check in meetings and professional development in how to break through the barriers of technology as well as finding more low-tech ways to connect.

One method our teachers have been using that you can easily utilize at home is the Mood Meter. Basically, it is a chart with a lot of adjectives that they can choose from to help them share their current mood. You can ask them how they are feeling right now by choosing the word or words that most apply. Giving them a chance to articulate what is happening inside allows them to feel heard and reminds them that their feelings are important. There may not be a quick resolution or response but doing the check-in is valuable. And if it becomes a daily or weekly ritual, even better. Visit <https://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/the-mood-meter-a-tool-for-developing-greater-self-awareness-and-awareness-of-others/> for a great and short article on Mood Meters, tips to use them and to print your own. (They are available in pictures also for non-readers.)

We hope that you remember, we are here for you during this difficult time as resources or simply to listen. Thank you for partnering with us as we move through the tunnel of this pandemic on our way to the light.

## Talmud Torah REGISTRATION 2020–2021

Online Talmud Torah registration is now open.

[www.bnaiisraelcong.org/  
talmudtorah](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/talmudtorah)

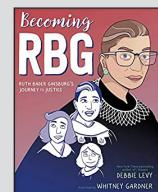
If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer (240-221-2508, jenniferc@bnaiisraelcong.org).

### Writing RBG: How to Fit a Tiny, Huge Jewish American Icon into a Book

with Debbie Levy  
Tuesday,  
October 6  
6:30 PM



Supreme Court justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is a modern feminist icon, but Ruth "Kiki" Bader



wasn't a firebrand feminist as a child. *Becoming RBG* focuses on the story of her evolution, from quiet child to inquisitive student to brilliant professor to creative courtroom lawyer to first Jewish woman on the Supreme Court of the United States. Through RBG's story, readers see that looking outside oneself can make all the difference between being a bystander and being a change maker. Join Debbie as she shares stories about the delights of writing about RBG.

*Presented by the Arts Task Force  
of the Adult Education Committee.  
Cosponsored by the Talmud Torah and  
Youth Department.*



## YOUTH EVENTS

by SARAH JARVIS  
Director of Youth Engagement

Happy September! With the Jewish New Year right around the corner, you can't help but reflect on what a crazy year it has been. We started out strong last September with a brand new teen program for High Holidays and moved into the rest of the year with excitement for our programming for all ages. Unfortunately, right after our greatest Youth department event of the year, the Purim Carnival, we were hit with the pandemic. Confronting this challenge, our community has come together and pushed through, developing new and exciting engagement opportunities, such as a virtual trip to Israel, teen office hours, many personal phone calls, and even more to come in the next few months. All of this newness has made me very excited to jump into my third year here at B'nai Israel! Confronting the challenges and simultaneously excited about the new year ahead, the Youth department has learned to be more creative than ever before.

The Youth department is looking forward to new goals and opportunities. There will be new engagement opportunities for teens thanks to a revamping of our USY board to better meet the needs of the teens and the world around us. We are also hoping to have more teen-planned programs, including virtual Teen Minyan services in the coming months. We are excited offer new virtual programs with supplies and take-away kits for each of our youth groups.

This year is definitely going to be different and we can already see that with our

preparation for the High Holidays. Typically, I would be planning the logistics for our many teen High Holiday services, looking forward to seeing over one hundred teens who come into Goldberg Youth Chapel to learn, pray, and hang out together. This year, I am planning to see many of you in your "Zoom boxes," and still excited as ever for the special teen programming for High Holidays, including breakout sessions and discuss groups just for them. I am also excited to have be able to gather in person for a special small service. This year it is just as, if not more important, to come together any way we can to celebrate our health and to think about all the fun things we will accomplish this year.

# SOCIAL ACTION

B'nai Israel Delivers Brunch to the Residents of the Interfaith Works Women's Shelter: Sunday, August 2.

A big thank you to our volunteers who helped make this and our previous meal deliveries such a success.



Thank you to:  
Nancy Eig, Harriet Stein, Wendy Fanaroff, Debbie Moss, Amy Rosenberg Hankin, Joel Schwartz, Mickey Goldstein, Cindy Oser, Shira Kaplan, David Sotsky, Linda Reisner, Susan Loewy, Marcia Kerchner, Susan Schor, Randy Greenberg, Judy Saks, Harriet Fredman, Alan Lipschultz, Wayne Berman, Randi Poli, and Signe Wetrogan.

## Carl & Doris Lane YOUTH DEPARTMENT EVENTS

Be sure to check out our latest events and resources at

[www.bnaiisraelcong.org/  
joinvirtually](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/joinvirtually)

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B'nai Israel Congregation is an accessible building.



## BLUMBERG-ZALIS FAMILY LIBRARY

by JILL GENDELMAN  
Librarian

The High Holidays will certainly be quite different than usual this year. Please know library materials are still available to you by appointment. For suggestions, search our online catalog (<http://birockville.mysupersat.net/>) using the ALL search and the search terms “Yom Kippur” or “Rosh Hashanah”. Let me know what books you would like by emailing me at [bnailibrary@bnaisraelcong.org](mailto:bnailibrary@bnaisraelcong.org) or [Jill@gendelman.us](mailto:Jill@gendelman.us). I am also happy to provide suggestions.

Please consider joining us for the following library programs. Go to <https://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/joinvirtually> for the Zoom links. Wishing you all a healthy, safe and happy New Year.

### B'nai Israel's Book Discussion Group

Wednesday,  
September 9  
11:30 AM  
*The Promise* by David Spiegel



*As a follow-up to the Author's Zoom presentation given on August 25th we will be discussing the book and the author.*  
A priest in King Solomon's Jerusalem temple is desperately trying to save two mysterious artifacts that are connected to the sacred religious rites of ancient Israel and its all mighty powerful God. When a celestial messenger appears, he agrees to give the artifacts to her in exchange for a seemingly benevolent promise. Now, in modern day United States, three people—two men and a woman—must deal with the promise's unintended consequences.

### Monday Night at the Movies Discussion

September 21, 7:30 PM  
*AKA Nadia*

The award-winning Israeli film *AKA Nadia* is about a happily married mother of two and successful choreographer named Maya, who leads a seemingly perfect life. Unbeknownst to her family and everyone around her, she has a hidden past. One evening, Maya spots a figure from her previous life and her world starts to unravel. She must make difficult decisions, maybe lose all for which she has fought hard and accept the consequences of her past, and her real identity as Nadia, a Muslim woman. To watch this movie prior to the discussion rent it on Amazon for \$2.99 or free through Amazon Prime. (1 hr. 55 min.; English)



### Reading Recommendations

#### ADULTS

*1,001 Questions and Answers on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur* by Jeffery Cohen  
*Who by Fire, Who by Water—Un'taneh Tokef* edited by Lawrence Hoffman  
*Preparing your Heart for the High Holy Days: A guided Journal* by Kerry Olitsky  
*The Spirit of the High Holy Days III* (Music CD)

#### TWEEN/TEEN

*The Shofar that Lost its Voice* by David Fass  
*Stories about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur* by Menucha Fuch  
*Apples and Pomegranates: A Family Seder for Rosh Hashanah* by Rahel Musleah  
*First Fast* by Barbara Cohen

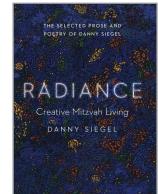
#### CHILDREN

*The Sound of the Shofar: A Story for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur* by Leslie Kimmelman  
*The Magic of Kol Nidre* by Bruce Siegel  
*Talia and the Very YUM Kippur* by Linda Marshall  
*The Yom Kippur Shortstop* by David Adler  
*Apples and Honey* by Jonny Zucker  
*When the Chickens Went on Strike: A Rosh Hashanah Story* by Erica Silverman  
*Gabriel's Horn* by Eric Kimmel

### Suggested September Book

#### Radiance: Creative Mitzvah Living by Danny Siegel

This first anthology of the most important writings by Danny Siegel, spanning and renewing fifty years of his insights intersperses soulful Jewish texts with innovative Mitzvah ideas to rouse individuals and communities to transform our lives, communities, neighborhoods, and world.



### 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.



## ISRAEL CORNER

by NETTA ASNER-MINSTER  
Congregational Shlicha

Since Rosh Hashana of 11<sup>th</sup> grade, I have made it a custom to go to the Kotel (Western Wall) every year during Elul. For me it has always been an opportunity to write a note reflecting on the past year and what I hope for the year to come. This year and last year I made that trip a little earlier as I have been in the States during the month of Elul.

When reflecting on this past year, I felt that it had exceeded my expectations. The connections I have made, the sessions I have led, the experiences I had—I could not have imagined before arriving. The love and appreciation I have felt from this community during my happy moments of marriage and *sheva brachot* and also during difficult times when we have been separated for holidays and classes, has been incredible and meaningful. I have now returned feeling a sense of belonging and connection, which is special indeed. For that I thank you all.

But what can be expected for the year to come? When everything is so unknown and unclear, how can we build our goals and expectations? It is a difficult thing to be coming into High Holidays and hoping that things go back to pre-March 2020, but is that even a conceivable hope with the new circumstances we are facing?

When things are unknown, it is difficult to plan and think ahead. It makes us live more in the present, in the here and now of the reality we do know at the moment—whether that is family, community, or Zoom.

When I wrote my hopes for the upcoming year I hoped for the positive things in the reality I know. I hoped that the feelings I

have come back with, and the meaningful sessions I have led are able to continue. But I also hoped that this time next year I will be able to also say that the connections I made, the sessions I led and experiences I had are beyond what I could have imagined. In this new evolving and unknown reality that lies in our future, I hope that you are also able to find comfort in the beauty of the present.

I wish you and your families a Shana Tova with *b'sorot tovot* (good wishes)!



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

### Answers from last month's "Guess the Photo"

1. Ben Gurion Airport
2. Shouk Machane Yehuda
3. The Knesset (Israel's Parliament)
4. Mitzpe Ramon (in the Negev)
5. The Kotel (Western Wall)
6. Border with Jordan

### UPCOMING ISRAEL PROGRAMS

#### Israel's Most Daring Operations

with Netta Asner-Minster

Thursday, September 10

7:30-8:30 PM

Join our Shlucha Netta Asner-Minster for the first monthly session in the 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 October 21, November 11, December 3, and January 28.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/237766228>

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it, over and over again, on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur as part of the *Shema Koleinu* prayer. We are speaking to God from a distance on this day, but we are longing for renewed closeness.

This is the thread that I'm holding onto this year, as we face a High Holiday season experienced from a distance. The hope that someday, hopefully soon, we will be able to return home – to our community, to our distant families and friends, to each other. Of course, our home will not be exactly the same as before; how can it be, after such a calamity? But it will still be our home, and God willing, someday soon we will be able to be there together once again. *Return us, God, and we will return; renew our days as of old.*

You may notice our printed calendar is missing.

Due to the evolving nature of our events, please continue to check [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/calendar](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/calendar) for our latest calendar of events and access information.

# MEN'S CLUB

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

As we begin our new programming year, we had hoped to bring you better news for September. Unfortunately our in-person programming remains shut down for the foreseeable future. Therefore we are planning for our fall programming to take place via Zoom.

Wednesday, September 16th please join the Men's Club and Sisterhood as our member David Sotsky will guide us through investment opportunities and the state of the markets in this covid-19 world. As a senior advisor for Merrill Lynch David has given several presentations for the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and is excited to do the same for our congregation. This program will be on WebEx so please look for the link in the B'nai online announcements for that week.

Our next monthly open meeting will take place on Sunday the 13th, 10 am. It is very important we have as many Men's Club members present (via Zoom) so we can adopt and vote on the changes to our by-laws as were discussed at our last meeting. If you are not receiving emails from the Men's Club about meetings and programming please contact Wayne Berman (Wayneb4me@aol.com) to be put on our list. Our programming is open to all members of B'nai Israel; however you have to be a member of the Men's Club to attend our monthly meetings. If you are unsure of your membership status please contact Wayne or Lewis Gertz (lewger1643@gmail.com) for assistance.

We have two major programs planned for October: the Health and Wellness Weekend and our always popular political forum; details will be forthcoming in the October *Scroll*.



This past month your B'nai Israel Men's Club was named a "Quality Club" by the Seaboard Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs for the calendar year 2019–2020. We are very proud of this achievement and would like to thank our members who put in all the work to produce the quality programming we were recognized for. A big part of this recognition is for our social action initiatives so we would especially like to thank the Sisterhood and the Social Action Committee for their partnership in those programs so important to our community.

We want to take this time to wish everyone a *L'Shana Tovah* and all the best for 5781 to you and your families. G-d willing, we will all be together soon!

Lewis Gertz and Wayne Berman  
Co-Presidents

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virtually. Others will personally attend in sparsely peopled sanctuaries. But some things will remain the same—the High Holidays will give us an opportunity for self-reflection. They give us permission to think about the past year: moments of pride; moments of guilt; missed opportunities; moments of sadness; and hopefully memorable instances of pure joy. They give us time to explore the words of the machzor and what they may mean to us at this particular moment under these particular conditions. They give us quiet time with our self, friends and family (both past and present) to contemplate those people and ideals we love and value.

If you have listened to Rabbi Berkowitz's sermons, you have heard him discuss the book, *This Is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared*. After hearing the title, it almost doesn't matter what the topic of the sermon is. The title alone stirs the mind: What is reality? Who am I? How did I get where I am? Where am I going? Do like I like where I'm going and, if not, how can I change? These are not easy questions and I am certainly not the first person to consider them. But for anyone looking to reexamine perceived truths, asking yourself these questions can open the door to self-exploration. The High Holidays give you that opportunity.

The coming year will have its challenges and we are all undoubtedly unprepared. However, the more we engage today, say "yes" to opportunities, choose a "New Me," the more prepared we will be for what comes next. From our family to yours, have a healthy, happy and meaningful new year.

# SISTERHOOD

## Sisterhood Presents Cookbook Author **Paula Shoyer**

Wednesday, September 9  
7:00 PM

Join B'nai Israel Sisterhood members in a cooking demonstration via Zoom on Wednesday, September 9, at 7:00 PM as Paula Shoyer demonstrates how to prepare an innovative holiday menu of whole chicken with dried fruit, *tzimmis* puree, and honey cake biscotti. Come ready to ask questions and cook (if you would like to).



Paula Shoyer, known as "The Kosher Baker", is a French-trained pastry chef who teaches cooking and baking classes all around the world. She has authored five cookbooks, *The Instant Pot Kosher Cookbook* (her newest), *The Healthy Jewish Kitchen*, *The New Passover Menu*, *The Holiday Kosher Baker*, and *The Kosher Baker*.

There is no cost for this program but please email Signe Wetrogan (signe0420@verizon.net) to register. The Zoom link information and recipes will be sent to you in the confirmation email.

## Torah Fund

The theme for the Women's League 2020–2021 Torah Fund is "B'Yachad"—



together. As we move forward at this difficult time, we will all work together. We know that B'nai Israel's Sisterhood is a strong and very supportive group of dynamic and dedicated women and together we will succeed. Letters asking for your support will be sent out later in the month. Pins will be available once the manufacturer can catch up after his shut down. For any questions, contact Sue Taffet (suetaffet@aol.com) or Debra Fredman (jnfpatent@msn.com) or go to the WLCJ website and search Torah Fund.

## Judaica Shop - We are open!

We are open by appointment and following the CDC protocols for safety. For the upcoming holidays, we have shofarot (be prepared for the shofar blowing workshop with Cantor Josh!), apples & honey dishes, and sukkah decorations. We have many beautiful new tallitot. Contact Debbie Anolik (kilona613@gmail.com) or Lisa Isenberg (301-963-4511).

## Holiday Flowers

Get in touch with family and friends by sending a beautiful arrangement of fresh flowers for the holidays--\$55 for local delivery and \$65 for out-of-area delivery. Order forms can be found online at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/sisterhood](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/sisterhood). Orders are due by Friday, September 10. Checks payable to B'nai Israel Sisterhood and mail to B'nai Israel Sisterhood, Attn: Flowers, c/o Linda Heller, 11420 Strand Drive #8, Rockville, MD 20852. For more information, contact Linda Heller (hellerbehr@gmail.com, 240-462-1108).



## Washington Jewish Week

Washington Jewish Week subscriptions are \$55 for one year and \$100 for two years. The cost for seniors, 55 and above, is \$42 for one year and \$76 for two years. Please contact Linda Reisner at 301-519-1776 or lreisner@me.com for additional information.

## Meals on Wheels

Sisterhood volunteers deliver kosher Meals on Wheels every Friday morning. To become involved, contact Alice Harris (alicemetrobug@gmail.com) or Lynn Rayman (alrayman@verizon.net).



[www.bnaiisraelcong.org/sisterhood](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/sisterhood)

## Sisterhood Membership

Join Sisterhood for the 2020–2021 season. Although we currently cannot meet in person, Sisterhood continues to plan various fun and educational virtual programs. Your dues will make it possible to continue to offer programs like the Paula Shoyer cooking demonstration on September 9. Your membership will also enable you to receive updates and details about future programs and to continue our support for various synagogue activities.

Joining is easy. We look forward to having you as part of our B'nai Israel Sisterhood.

Complete the membership registration form below and mail it together with your check made payable to B'nai Israel Sisterhood to:

B'nai Israel Sisterhood  
c/o Lisa Isenberg  
18313 Amber Meadows Court  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

For additional information or questions contact Debbie Moss (debmoss55@comcast.net) or Signe Wetrogan (signe0420@verizon.net)

Sisterhood Membership  
Registration Form

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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- New congregant (joined after 4/1/2020)
- \$36 General Member (includes per capita to WLCJ)
- \$54 Sarah
- \$72 Rebecca
- \$90 Leah
- \$120 Rachel
- Additional contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Mazal Tov

## September Anniversaries

Andrew and Marion Haberman – 1

Adam Goodman and Yuchao Li – 1

Joe and Ellen Robinson – 1

David and Jamie Becker – 2

Harold and Sherri Berger – 2

Josh and Penny Bortnick – 2

Dick and Judith Freeman – 2

Marc and Meryl Gudelsky – 2

Glenn and Julie Merberg – 2

Alan and Myra Privot – 2

Michael and Rennie Selis – 2

Andrew and Stacy Watson – 2

Barry and Carol Hartman – 3

Jeff and Fonda Lowe – 3

Matt and Carrie Ward – 3

Evan and Debi Himelfarb – 4

Mark and Heather Kaufman – 4

Tom Noyes and

Sarah Kopelman-Noyes – 4

David and Susan Pugach – 4

Jeff and Wendy Stickle – 4

Erik Feig and Heidi Isenberg-Feig – 5

Adam and Melissa Ginsberg – 5

Udi and Sara Kish – 5

Steve and Mindy Maggid – 5

Abe and Shari Weinstein – 5

Eric and Valerie Eisenstein – 6

Brian and Brooke Goode – 6

Barry and Kay Greenberg – 6

Scott and Rochelle Hodes – 6

Stefan and Tracy Krantz – 6

Robert and Rena Levy – 6

Jack and Martie Nebb – 6

Marc and Michelle Solomon – 6

Jay and Nanci Wechsler – 6

Mark Mlynarczyk and Cheryl Luria – 8

Lawrence and Ilana Wolpert – 9

David and Shawn Goozman – 10

Arthur and Adrienne Rulnick – 10

Andrew and Sheri Weiss – 11

Steven and Cheryl Morris – 12

Eric Shelton and Aisha Moinuddin – 12

Steven and Laurie Brody – 13

Hymie and Carole Rosenberg – 15

Jerome and Barbara Kopelman – 16

Alan and Amy Meltzer – 16

Bruce and Marla Schulman – 17

Robert Tebeleff and Wende Lipp – 21

Daryle and Beth Bobb – 23

Alvin and Anita Lann – 24

Lawrence and Leslie Kline – 25

Ralph Sonenshine and

Shellie Gainsburg – 25

Sandy and Elana Fine – 28

Michael and Marla Hurwitz – 28

Brett and Stacey Friedman – 29

Marni Hall and Edward Hallissey – 30

## and Mazal Tov to...

Nancy and Mike (*z”l*) Goldberg on the marriage of their daughter, Allie to Sam Rosenkrantz.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/dailyminyan)

### Audio Dial-in: 1-929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 788 352 437 #

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## Notes on Hayman Chapel, Continued!

by Allison Karasik  
Assistant to the Cantors

*With an exciting response from last month's article on the history of the Hayman Chapel, we are pleased to share additional notes on the tracking and upkeep of the meaningful Memorial Plaques in Hayman Chapel.*

Two years ago, a "Lovely Lady Non-Member" came to B'nai Israel and wanted to purchase a future memorial plaque for herself. Her husband, her parents, and her in-laws all have plaques in Hayman Chapel, and she wants to be memorialized with them.

Me: I need your full Hebrew name, year of birth, how you want your name in English on the plaque, and \$600 please.

Lovely Lady Non-Member: Of course, here is all of that information and the money.

Me: Great!

LLN-M: I'd also like to purchase three additional future plaques, one for each of my children.

Me: Great! I'll need their years of birth, their Hebrew and English names, and \$1800 please.

LLN-M: Years of birth are 1970, 1972, and 1974. These are their Hebrew and English names. And here is all of your money - paid in full!

Me: Great! Wait, wow, they are younger than me. Certainly not collecting on your purchases anytime soon I hope...

LLN-M: They are healthy and well.

Me: Great! But, Lovely Lady Non-Member, you realize that your grandchildren, who are currently in elementary and middle school, will need to be the ones who call B'nai in what could be thirty or forty or fifty years to notify us that their parent has passed. And did I hear you mention they live in Connecticut?

And so it goes. During the pandemic, I

started a project of researching all of those "reserved" plaques that are in Hayman Chapel. When I started researching there were 135 reserved plaques. I am pleased to say that after months of phone calls, emails, letters, research on findagrave.com and the U.S. Social Security Death Index, I am down to only eleven unknown reserved plaques.

Along the way, I found several reserved plaques where the person it was designated for died years ago. Not only do I not know if the plaque was paid for, but I cannot find relatives and I cannot find Hebrew names. There was one case where a woman resigned from BIC in 2011 and passed away in 2015. Her file indicated that she paid in full for a plaque for herself in Hayman Chapel and another in Uberman Alcove (\$3600!) in 1990. Nowhere online could I find any information about her relatives, but I heard that she was buried in above ground crypt at King David Memorial Garden. I called the cemetery and asked a caretaker to go into the locked crypt and take pictures of her Hebrew name and date of death. I'm glad to report that as per her wishes I got both plaques made, sadly it was five years late. I took a chance mailed a letter to the one address that was on file; it was returned a few weeks later as "undeliverable."

How do I track reserved plaques going forward? I keep an Excel spreadsheet. But is that enough? What if no one is using Excel in thirty, forty, or fifty years? Who will even know what this file is called or where to find it on one of the many computer drives BIC has? While I still maintain this spreadsheet, I have also devised a low-tech way of keeping track: stickers. Under every reserved plaque, I put a sticker that clearly states four things: English name, Hebrew name, year of birth, and payment status (hopefully paid in full, I am not supposed to reserve it if it is not.) I also write the date and I initial it (Someone in 2050 — "Who the heck is 'ABK?'")

As any good controller knows, the buyer and seller need to retain copies of all transactions. If someone buys a plaque for themselves, it is their responsibility to keep papers and somehow notify next-of-kin that the plaque was pre-purchased and should be made upon their death. If you have plaques in Hayman that you reserved, please give me a call. I'd love to super double confirm, and especially make sure I have Hebrew names in advance. This makes things much easier when everything is lined up when it is time to fabricate the plaque. Eleven left -I need your help!

## Opportunities to Memorialize and Honor Your Loved Ones

Our beautiful Synagogue provides many meaningful opportunities to arrange dedications *in memory of* or *in honor of* loved ones.

Memorial plaques, endowments, scholarships, capital gifts, fine arts, and educational programs are among the possibilities available at B'nai Israel Congregation.

For further information, please contact Allison Karasik (240-221-2507, [allison@bnaisraelcong.org](mailto:allison@bnaisraelcong.org)).

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# IN SYMPATHY זכרוןם לברכה

B'nai Israel Congregation mourns the loss of our beloved members:

## DAVID NEBB ROBERT SANDLER

We also extend sympathies to our members:

Fred and Stephanie Goodman on the loss of their son and stepson, **Jerome Michael Goodman**.

Darren Ash on the loss of his uncle, **Brad Hertz**.

John Musok on the loss of his mother, **Yola Kemp**.

Martie and Dr. Jack Nebb on the loss of their son, **David Nebb**.

Brenda Sandler on the loss of her husband, **Robert Sandler**.

Elvira Blanco on the loss of her sister, **Graciela Sitton**.

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose...  
...a time to be born, and a time to die..."*



B'nai Israel Congregation maintains three attractive cemetery locations.

B'nai Israel Historic Cemetery in Oxon Hill, Maryland  
Judean Memorial Gardens in Olney, Maryland  
Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park in Clarksburg, Maryland

For information, please contact our executive director, Hal Ossman at the synagogue office (301-816-5563, [hossman@bnaiisraelcong.org](mailto:hossman@bnaiisraelcong.org)).



We are all touched by B'nai Israel.

It makes a difference in our lives. And it is our endeavor to ensure that it makes a difference in our community for many years to come.

*As our parents planted for us, let us sow the seeds that will make a difference for our children and grandchildren.*

—Talmud Ta'anit 23a

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As we celebrate our successes, we are grateful for the commitment and generosity of those who came before us. Dues and annual donations do not provide sufficient resources for all we must do to sustain Jewish life at B'nai Israel. And so we invite and encourage you to create your own legacy.

It is so easy to make a planned gift or bequest through B'nai Israel's Create a Jewish Legacy Program. Simply include B'nai Israel in your estate planning as a beneficiary in your will, under your retirement plan or life insurance policy. It carries no financial obligation in the present, but it will have a huge and lasting impact on our future.

Avery Sudow  
Development Director  
301-816-5569  
[avery@bnaiisraelcong.org](mailto:avery@bnaiisraelcong.org)



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](mailto: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](mailto:randysager@gmail.com)).

B'nai Israel Congregation deeply appreciates all contributions directed to the various funds of our congregation.

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## Endowments

### Abrutyn Family Leadership Endowment

#### *In Memory Of:*

Lori and Sandy Greenbaum and family's beloved husband, father, grandfather by Vickie Abrutyn

### Benjamin Saks Judaica Art Endowment Fund

#### *In Celebration Of:*

Seth Kibel's jazz and Klezmer musical talents by Judith Saks

### Bess and Irving Kamins Lecture Fund

#### *In Celebration Of:*

Evelyn Dymond's special birthday acknowledgement and prayers by B'nai Israel's Clergy by Lee Dymond

### Beverly G. Schnitzer Tikun Olam Endowment

#### *In Honor Of:*

The 50th wedding anniversary of Sue and Richie Taffet by Sharon Martin

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Norman Chase by Al and Shar Klotz  
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### Comer-Ritwo Elevator Endowment Fund

#### *In Celebration Of:*

The naming of our granddaughter Ella Sophia Milberg by Ruth and Andrew Ritwo  
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Cyril Doner Rothkopf, mother, by Sharon Doner-Feldman

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#### *In Memory Of:*

Harvey Metro, beloved son of Stuart Metro by the Schilit family

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#### *In Celebration Of:*

Karen Gerton by The Jacobson Family

#### *In Honor Of:*

Karen Gerton's retirement by Breda Friedman  
Karen Gerton's retirement by Carrie and Ralph Jacobson  
Karen Gerton, whose leadership and love of children is reflected in the Nursery School by Glenda Koby

### Lilyan and Bernard Margolius Educational Endowment

#### *In Honor Of:*

The bat mitzvah of Alicia Feldman, granddaughter of Marilyn and Buddy Feldman by Margie and Owen Ritter

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#### *In Memory Of:*

Mark Alderman, beloved brother of Joan Hayman by Debby and Gary Bortnick

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#### *In Memory Of:*

Bessie C. Lewis, by her loving son, Marshall C. Lewis

### Marie Lebowitz Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

#### *In Memory Of:*

Phyllis Kellner, a wonderful woman by Bernie and Harriet Lebowitz  
Nate Kellner by Bernie and Harriet Lebowitz  
Rose Kellner, sister of Marie Lebowitz by Bernie and Harriet Lebowitz  
Steve Kellner by Bernie and Harriet Lebowitz  
Rabbi David Davis by Sue Heiserman, Ron Bruno, Jason and Lauren Heiserman

### Mary and Israel Shulman Student Community Service Endowment Fund

#### *In Memory Of:*

Electra Beahler by Michael Heiserman

### Mildred and William Kaplan Social Action Endowment

#### *In Celebration Of:*

Sheila and Tommy Hutman's 60th anniversary by Mincy Neil and Milt Halem

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#### *In Memory Of:*

My beloved mother, Bessie C. Lewis, by her loving son, Marshall C. Lewis

### Rabbi Joshua Rubinow Simon Memorial Endowment For Camp Ramah Tikvah Fund

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My beloved mother, Beatrice Kleiman by Pauline Coderre  
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#### *In Celebration Of:*

My 70th birthday by Sharon Doner-Feldman

*In Memory Of:*  
Our loving parents Jacob and Norma Fleishman and William and Rose Klotz by Al and Shar Klotz

### L.I.F.E. Lecture Fund

#### *In Honor Of:*

Evelyn Dymond's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by Sheila Chodorov

*In Memory Of:*  
Hannah Schwartz Schorr, sister of Norma Krupenie by Sheila Chodorov

### Morning Minyan Fund

#### *In Memory Of:*

The yahrzeit of my mother, Bella Hausman by Steven Hausman

### Refugee Aid Fund

#### *In Appreciation Of:*

B'nai Israel's daily minyan which enabled me to say kaddish in memory of my mother, Elaine Greif z"l by Shulamit Elsner

*In Memory Of:*  
Robert Sandler by Walter and Charlotte Cohen

### Tzedakah and Welfare Fund

#### *In Appreciation Of:*

Rabbi Safra with thanks for welcoming me into your community during my period of mourning for my mother by David Lowe

The extraordinary unveiling service by Donald Dworkin  
*In Honor Of:*  
Sue and Richie Taffet's 50th wedding anniversary by SueRita and Meyer Goldstein

*In Memory Of:*  
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My mother Madeline Solomon by Gerald Solomon  
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Sara Resnicoff by Celia Turner  
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Irene Gertrude Cohen by Mimi Davidson  
Sarah Diener by Marilyn Cohen  
Janet Green by Mark and Leslie Berlin  
Frank Berlin by Mark and Leslie Berlin  
Marc Wagshal by Merna Wagshal  
Eddie Freedman by Milton Freedman  
Florence Simon by Miriam Tommer  
Velvel Belkindas by Misha Belkindas  
Nathan Bobrow by Mona, Bradley, and Nikki  
Robert Sandler by Morris and Betty Casper  
My beloved bride by Morton Alterman  
Edith Lebowitz by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Silbert  
Marc Goldstein by Myra Goldstein  
Jacob Lewis Abramowitz by Nancy Abramowitz and Mark Ellenberg  
Harry Adelson by Nancy Van Grack  
Jeffrey Van Grack by Nancy Van Grack  
Ester Schwartz by Norma Krupenie  
Isidor Schwartz by Norma Krupenie  
Robert Sandler by Patricia and Stephen Coplin  
Sheldon W. Levine by Paula Pascal Levine  
Archie Cooper by Richard Cooper  
Ruth Cooper by Richard Cooper  
Oscar Taffet by Richard and Susan Taffet  
Sarah Gerrol by Richard and Susan Taffet  
Helen Siegel by Richard and Susan Taffet  
David Michnoff by Rina Mintz  
Albert Ovadia by Rita Hatwell  
Rachel Ovadia by Rita Hatwell  
Velve Belkindas by Riva Sokolsky  
Nathan Kaufman by Robert and Marjorie Gertner  
Marie Kaufman by Robert and Marjorie Gertner  
Marvin Gottlieb by Sandra S. Landis  
Abe Zitomer by Signe and Leon Wetrogan  
Jacob Miller by Sylvia Bass  
Martin (Marty) Jolles by Steven Jolles  
Myron (Mike) Jolles by Steven Jolles  
Bernard Staller by Stuart and Luci Altman  
Brian Holtzman by Susan Holtzman  
Stephen Holtzman by Susan Holtzman  
Simon Julius Penn by Sylvia and Irwin Rosenthal  
Elie Ronen Scott by The Scott Family  
Sam Dulcan by Vicki Berman  
Markus Krauthamer by Victor and Helene Krauthamer  
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